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LOK SABHA

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NOTIFIED FOREST AREA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any notified forest area in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to preserve the said forest area in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) Yes, there are notified forest areas in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The details are as follows:

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i) Reserved Forests 50,479 Sq. KMs.  Notified area
ii) Protected Forests 12,365 Sq. KMs.  Notified area
iii) Un-classed Forests      977 Sq. KMs. Un-notified area
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 State Total Forests 63,821 Sq. KMs.
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(c) The following activities are being taken to preserve and protect the forest areas in Andhra Pradesh.

i) Flying Squad Parties of Forest Department are patrolling the forests against any encroachments or destruction, and poaching.

ii) Forests are being managed through people`s participation - Joint Forest Management (JFM) and Community Forest Management (CFM).

iii) Measures to prevent and control forest fires, improved mobility communication, strengthening of infrastructure, survey and demarcation etc are some of the works taken up under various Centrally Sponsored/State Sector Schemes to preserve & protect the forests